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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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SUBJECT: Discussion with Jack Brady, Staff Director,
House International Relations Committee

and I called on Mr. Brady to discuss with him Chairman Zablocki's request that we declassify an OER paper comparing US and Soviet arms sales. We explained to Mr. Brady that we were attempting something relatively new in this field in that we were trying to ascertain the costs of certain non-hardware items the Soviets provide their clients thereby—hopefully—presenting a more balanced picture of arms sales.

2. I told Mr. Brady that we were still working on the methodology and hoped a more authoritative study would be available this spring. I said we were reluctant to release the earlier OER paper because it was a research aid and, strictly speaking, did not represent finished intelligence.

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He agreed, however, not to press us for declassification of the earlier paper pending the outcome of our continuing effort.

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